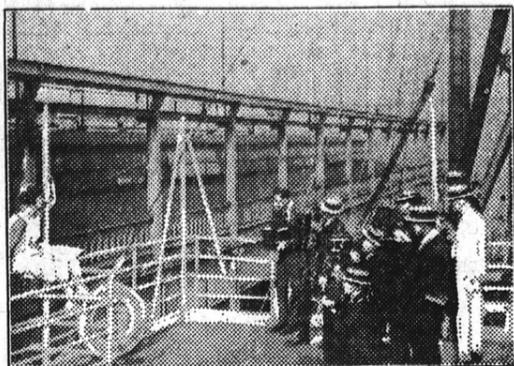


U. S. Liners Good Hunting Grounds For Photographers in Quest of News



"SHOOTING" A FAIR VICTIM

NEW YORK—The growing use of photographs in newspapers, to either illustrate a "story" or, with but a brief caption, to tell the story in whole, has made the news photographer a big factor in recording events of importance of recent years. In New York city there are over two dozen "still" photographic organizations with large staffs of men who devote all their efforts to obtaining pictures of notables, the notorious, figures big and small in the day's news, fires, accidents, in fact anything that will present to the eye an event or personage of interest. In addition to these are the camera men of the various newspaper staffs, and the "movie" men of four big news-reel organizations.

All are on the lookout for pictures of the unusual, and the efforts of the various syndicates and their men to get "beats" and exclusive pictures of some person or happening is strenuous. The men work on regular assignments as do reporters and at the same time endeavor to obtain photographs of anything that may make a news picture while on the way to or returning from an assigned task.

There is one assignment, however, where it is not considered particularly "chummy" or in good form for one photographer to try to beat his associates, and that is ship news. The men who board incoming passenger liners, and visit outgoing steamships on sailing days, are regularly detailed to this task and enjoy it better than any other local job they undertake. They know by sight, if not in person, celebrities in every walk of life, and have the faculty of making persons who really dislike their pictures appearing in the public prints pose in a smiling manner.

The number of camera men who go to sailing and arriving steamers, especially those of the United States Lines, greatly exceeds the number of reporters. They work in unison, with a system that would please the commander of an army.

On a recent arrival of the President Roosevelt of the United States Lines from Bremen, with many notables aboard, 20 camera men, 17 of them from newspapers and syndicates and

WESTERN AVE. TRAFFIC THICK CHECK SHOWS

Gardena Paper Comments On Torrance Paving Prospects

Residents along Western avenue notice a great increase in traffic since the opening of the new paved stretch between Slauson and Manchester avenues in Los Angeles. On Sunday between 4 and 5 p.m. a check was made on the traffic through Moneta, and 457 cars were counted between those hours. While this traffic is not so great as many other places near Los Angeles, yet observers claim it is a great increase over that of one year ago, estimates saying that 100 machines in the same length of time would have been a high mark a few weeks back.

The recent refusal of the people of Torrance to vote bonds for the paving of the unpaved section of Western in that city gave Western a serious setback. Until such time as Torrance paves its portion this thoroughfare will never come into its own. Many people believe that leaders in Torrance fully appreciate the need of that city doing its part in improving Western, and they believe another election will be held soon, at which it is possible Torrance may be able to swing enough additional votes favorable to paving to carry the proposition. At the recent election there were but a very few votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority needed to carry the bond election.—Gardena Valley News.

LOMITA NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Gilbert enjoyed the New Year's pageant at Pasadena.

Clement Kerber and nephew, A. Rossow, of San Jose, are guests of Mr. Kerber's mother, Mrs. Anna Kerber.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes entertained at dinner New Year's day. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bartlett, Miss Grace Bartlett,

and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bartlett, of Torrance.

L. Klutz was the guest of Pasadena friends New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Adams were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Van Slyke of Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cook have moved from Flower street into their new home at 3005 1/2 Rose street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Anderson of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, are guests for a month at the home of their son, Hans Anderson, of Sun street.

Ray and John Foster of Long Beach were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trotman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steigh and sons were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Alexander of Redondo Beach.

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